

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) An overboot in combination with a foot portion of a multi-legged firearm support assembly, the foot portion having an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being generally cylindrical, the lower portion having a shape of a truncated cone, the lower portion having a maximum diameter that is greater than a substantially constant diameter of the upper portion, the overboot comprising:

an upper portion circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the foot portion;

a floor; and

a conical portion interconnecting the floor and the upper portion of the overboot, the conical portion upwardly and outwardly extending from the floor;

whereby the overboot is a thin walled structure constructed of a flexible material that matingly receives the foot portion, and;

wherein the lower portion of the overboot includes a plurality of concentric overboot ribs radially extending between the floor and the upper portion of the overboot, and the truncated cone of the lower portion of the foot portion includes a plurality of concentric foot ribs circumferentially extending therefrom.

26. (currently amended) The overboot combination of claim 25, wherein the concentric overboot ribs and the concentric foot ribs have a generally triangular shape.

32. (currently amended) An overboot in combination with a foot portion of a multi-legged firearm support assembly, the foot portion having an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being generally cylindrical, the lower portion having a shape of a truncated cone and a plurality of concentric foot ribs circumferentially extending therefrom, the lower portion having a maximum diameter that is greater than a substantially constant diameter of the upper portion, the overboot comprising:

 a lower portion downwardly terminating at a floor, the floor defining a generally planar lower surface, the lower portion further including a sidewall upwardly and outwardly extending from the floor and mating with the lower portion of the foot portion, the sidewall including a plurality concentric, triangularly shaped overboot ribs radially extending about the lower portion of the overboot;

 an upper portion integrally formed with and upwardly extending from the lower portion of the overboot, the upper portion of the overboot circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the foot portion, the upper portion of the overboot having a significantly smaller diameter than the lower portion of the foot portion, the upper portion of the overboot further including a plurality of slots and fingers to accommodate the foot portion; and

 a band constricted about the upper portion of the foot portion for securing and holding the overboot in position, the band received into an annular recess defined by the plurality of fingers and circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the overboot, the annular recess being continuous about the upper portion of the overboot when the upper portion of the overboot is constricted about the upper portion of the foot portion;

whereby the overboot is a thin walled structure constructed of a flexible material that matingly receives the foot portion.

33. (currently amended) The overboot combination of claim 32, wherein the band comprises a pliant strap having a diameter in a relaxed state less than the diameter of the upper portion of the overboot.

34. (currently amended) The overboot combination of claim 32, wherein the band comprises a cord removably tied to the upper portion of the overboot for constriction thereof.

35. (new) The overboot combination of claim 32, wherein the concentric foot ribs provide a stepped configuration to the lower portion of the foot portion.

36. (new) The overboot combination of claim 32, wherein the truncated cone of the lower portion of the foot portion includes a circular end, and a foot rib farthest spaced apart from the circular end forms an annular flange radially projecting from the cylindrical upper portion of the foot portion adjacent the truncated cone.

37. (new) The overboot combination of claim 32, wherein each finger forms a tab radially projecting from an end thereof opposite an annular flange defined by an overboot rib spaced farthest apart from the planar lower surface of the lower portion.

38. (new) The overboot combination of claim 37, wherein the annular recess is defined by the annular flange and an annular ring, the annular ring defined by the plurality of the tabs.